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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

I feel that the open letter composed by Dan Kegel (<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>) does a good job of describing some of the problems with the settlement.

As a programmer, I am particularly concerned about the ability of software produced by other companies to interact with the Microsoft's operating systems (not just the ones listed in definition U but all Microsoft operating systems). I am also concerned that the restrictions against competing products that Microsoft has included in their licenses and the punitive behavior that Microsoft has displayed toward companies selling computers using competing operating systems are not stopped. These would seem to be the heart of any settlement of an antitrust case.

As a programmer I would encourage that in addition to the cessation of the above mentioned monopoly behavior that Microsoft be required to publish all API's (including those for their application software) and file formats (which are needed for creating interoperative programs).

Sincerely,

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